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Title:	VALVE DEVICE FOR SILENCER		

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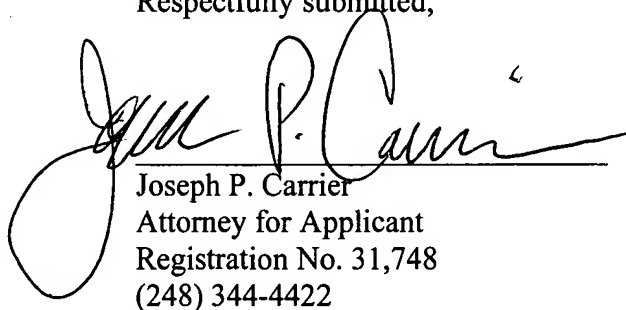
Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, the last communication received from the Patent And Trademark Office was a Filing Receipt dated 31 December 2003. Accordingly, because this application was filed 06 October 2003, over sixteen months ago, applicant hereby urgently requests that the Patent And Trademark Office advise applicant's undersigned attorney as to the status of the first office action.

Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested. An extra copy of this Status Inquiry is attached hereto.

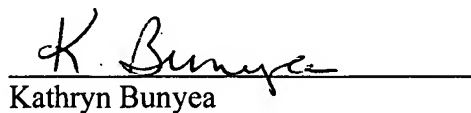
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